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The references cited on the attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each reference is enclosed.

The references were cited in a European Search Report for EP 01310594, the European patent application which corresponds to this application. A copy of the European Search Report is also enclosed so that the examiner may refer to it when deciding the relevance of the references.

US 4,066,147; US 4,833,937; US 4,862,999; US 5,765,446; DE 3,613,591 A1 and EP 639,495 A1 were previously cited to the Patent Office in an IDS mailed November 21, 2002 and received in the Patent Office on December 2, 2002.

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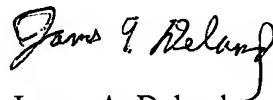
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Respectfully submitted,

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